

## Message Text

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ACTION AF-18

INFO OCT-01 IO-14 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1813

INFO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:ZA SF

SUBJ: ALLEGED COUP IN ZAMBIA

REF: USUN 5384

ZAMBIAN DEP PERMREP ZIMBA ELABORATED TO MISOFF  
PRIVATELY DEC. 5 THAT ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT HAD UNCOVERED  
ATTEMPTED PLOT "SEVERAL WEEKS AGO" AND HAD ARRESTED  
THOSE INVOLVED. INTERROGATION REVEALED, ACCORDING TO  
ZIMBA, THAT THEY HAD BEEN TRAINED BY SAG. ZIMBA SAID  
THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM LUSAKA WHICH  
REPORTED THAT SAG WAS DISSEMINATING RUMOR OF COUP  
D'ETAT IN ZAMBIA AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO SEED CONFUSION  
ZAMBIAN ELECTIONS. IT WAS IN THIS VEIN THAT  
HE REFERRED TO MONITORED TELEPHONE CALL FROM REUTERS  
CORRESPONDENT IN JOHANNESBURG TO REUTERS CORRESPONDENT  
IN LUSAKA, DEC. 3-4. JOHANNESBURG JOURNALIST REPORTEDLY  
ASKED COLLEAGUE WHETHER A COUP HAD OCCURRED AND THE  
REPLY WAS "IF THERE HAD BEEN ONE, YOU WOULD BE HEARING  
MILITARY MUSIC ON THE RADIO". ZIMBA SAID THAT IF  
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SOUTH AFRICANS AT UN PLANNED TO PUBLICIZE AFFAIR WITH

MORE THAN VERY LOW KEY ATTENTION GIVEN TO COUP RUMOR BY  
LOCAL RADIO IN NEW YORK, ZAMBIA WOULD MAKE PUBLIC THIS  
BACKGROUND.

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